Claims

What is claimed is:

1   1.   A system comprising:

2   a computer system including a processor and a memory for:

3   retrieving digital media content;

4   storing the digital media content in the memory; and

5   providing the digital media content to a thin media client using a first

6   network.

1   2.   The system of claim 1, wherein the thin media client comprises an audio

2   client.

1   3.   The system of claim 2, wherein the digital media content comprises an audio

2   file.

1   4.   The system of claim 2, wherein the digital media content comprises realtime

2   audio information.

1   5.   The system of claim 1, wherein the thin media client comprises a video client,

2   and wherein the digital media content comprises video information.

1   6.   The system of claim 1, wherein the thin media client comprises an image

2   client, and wherein the digital media content comprises image information.

1   7.   The system of claim 1, wherein the computer system is for:

2   transcoding the digital media content prior to providing the digital

3   media content to the thin media client.

1   8.   The system of claim 1, wherein the computer system is for:

2   performing a rights management task associated with the digital media

3   content prior to providing the digital media content to the thin media client.

1   9.   The system of claim 1, wherein the computer system is for:

2   performing a decompression function on the digital media content prior

3   to providing the digital media content to the thin media client.

1   10.   The system of claim 1, wherein the computer system is for:

2   performing a decryption function on the digital media content prior to

3   providing the digital media content to the thin media client.

1   11.   The system of claim 1, wherein the computer system is for:

2   buffering the digital media content prior to providing the digital media

3   content to the thin media client.

1   12.   The system of claim 1, wherein the computer system is for:

2   providing an interface associated with the thin media client to a user to

3   allow the user to access one or more features of the thin media client.

1   13.   The system of claim 1, wherein the computer system is for:

2   retrieving the digital media content using a second network.

1   14.   The system of claim 1, wherein the first network comprises a home network.

1   15.   A method performed by a computer system comprising:

2   retrieving digital media content;

3   storing the digital media content in a memory of the computer system;

4   and

5   providing the digital media content to a thin media client.

1   16.   The method of claim 15, wherein the thin media client comprises an audio

2   client.

1   17.   The method of claim 16, wherein the digital media content comprises an

2   audio file.

1   18.   The method of claim 16, wherein the digital media content comprises realtime

2   audio information.

1   19.   The method of claim 15, wherein the thin media client comprises a video

2   client, and wherein the digital media content comprises video information.

1   20.   The method of claim 15, wherein the thin media client comprises an image

2   client, and wherein the digital media content comprises image information.

1   21.   The method of claim 15, further comprising:

2   transcoding the digital media content prior to providing the digital

3   media content to the thin media client.

1   22.   The method of claim 15, further comprising:

2   performing a rights management task associated with the digital media

3   content prior to providing the digital media content to the thin media client.

1   23.   The method of claim 15, further comprising:

2   performing a decompression function on the digital media content prior

3   to providing the digital media content to the thin media client.

1   24.   The method of claim 15, further comprising:

2   performing a decryption function on the digital media content prior to

3   providing the digital media content to the thin media client.

1   25.   The method of claim 15, further comprising:

2   buffering the digital media content prior to providing the digital media

3   content to the thin media client.

1   26.   The method of claim 15, further comprising:

2   providing an interface associated with the thin media client to a user to

3   allow the user to access one or more features of the thin media client.

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